

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ____

Introduced by: Pond

A HOUSE RESOLUTION honoring the 60th anniversary of the Allen County Retired Teachers Association.

Whereas, The "Fort Wayne Area Retired Teachers" was organized in 1947 under the leadership of Miss Bell Noble and Mr. Robert Harris and is believed to be the first organized group of retired teachers in the United States;

Whereas, Membership was open to all teachers and administrators of the ten-county area in northeastern Indiana, including Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Huntington, Kosciusko, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Wells and Whitley;

Whereas, The National Retired Teachers Association was organized in 1947 in Berkeley, California, under the leadership of Dr. Ethel Percy Andrus, and the Fort Wayne Association has a Charter granted by the National Retired Teachers Association dated June 25, 1951 and signed by Dr. Ethel Percy Andrus;



Whereas, As of September 1, 1998, the name “Allen County Retired Educators Association” was adopted to more accurately reflect membership of all educators from the four school corporations in Allen County;

Whereas, The purpose of the Allen County Retired Educators Association, as stated in its bylaws, is to “provide a practical basis for the united efforts to improve and equalize the status of retired educators - previous, present and future;”

Whereas, Allen County Retired Educators Association members have donated thousands of hours of volunteer work for community service efforts over the years;

Whereas, Upon the 60th anniversary of the Allen County Retired Educators Association in 2007, the Association now enters its 61st year under the leadership of President Beverly Brunson, President-Elect Mary Lou Morris, Vice President Carol Patterson, Secretary Lois Guess and Treasurer Robert Weaver: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives congratulates the officers and members of the Allen County Retired Teachers Association on the 60th anniversary of their organization.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the Indiana House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the Allen County Retired Teachers Association.

